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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i> | Attorney Docket No. | CAT-12502 |
| | First Inventor | Gelu Voicu |
| | Title | "DIGITAL POTENTIOMETER INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE BULK IMPEDANCE DEVICE" |
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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS <i>See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.</i> | Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Patent Application P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 |
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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
- ☒ Applicant Claims small entity status.
See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Specification *[Total Pages 66]*
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed-Sponsored R&D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. § 113) *[Total Sheets 7]*
 - ☒ Informal ☐ Formal
- ☒ Oath or Declaration *[Total Pages 3]*
 - ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program *(Appendix)*
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all necessary)*
 - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ☐ Paper
 - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- ☐ 37 CFR §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
- ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
- ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
- ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
Applicant must attach form PTO-SB-35 or its equivalent.
- ☐ Other:

18. If a **CONTINUING APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. ____/

Prior application information: Examiner _____ Art Unit: _____

For **CONTINUATION** or **DIVISIONAL APPS** only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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| Signature | <i>[Signature]</i> | Date | September 10, 2003 |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 685.00

Complete if Known

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| Application Number | Filed Herewith |
| Filing Date | September 10, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Gelu Voicu |
| Examiner Name | unknown |
| Art Unit | unknown |
| Attorney Docket Number | CAT-12502 |

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

Deposit Acct. No. **50-0574 (Docket No. CAT-12502)**

Deposit Acct Name **Bever, Hoffman & Harms, LLP**

☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR § 1.16 & 1.17

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1001 | 750 | 2001 | 375 | Utility filing fee | 375.00 |
| 1002 | 330 | 2002 | 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 520 | 2003 | 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 | 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | | | (\$) 375.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 36 | -20** = 16 | 9.00 | 144.00 |
| Independent Claims 6 | -3** = 3 | 42.00 | 126.00 |
| Multiple Dependent | | 140.00 | -0- |

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | **Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 270.00

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Small Fee Code | Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 320 | 2401 | 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 | 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 | 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00 |
| 1809 | 750 | 2809 | 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 750 | 2810 | 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (Specify) _____

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 40.00

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